

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION recognizing the owners and employees of the Pleasant Shade Restaurant and General Store on the occasion of their first anniversary in business.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to pay special recognition to those businesses within this State that are celebrating momentous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Shade Restaurant and General Store, owned and operated by Steve and Shelia Burns, is one such business which celebrated the first anniversary of its grand opening on February 12th of this year; and

WHEREAS, located in the tiny community of Pleasant Shade in Smith County, the Pleasant Shade Restaurant occupies a building that was constructed in 1955 and, over the years, has served as a garage, a gas station, a hardware store, and a deli; and

WHEREAS, the building had been empty for two years when the Burnses purchased it. Following the completion of renovations, the Pleasant Shade Restaurant and General Store opened its doors to customers on February 12, 2010, at which time it joined the post office as the only businesses currently operating in Pleasant Shade; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant has been a boon to the community, giving the good people of Pleasant Shade, and those who visit, a warm, friendly place to gather, a place for them to swap stories, catch up with neighbors, and enjoy a good meal; and

WHEREAS, the Burnses' restaurant quickly came to occupy a special place in the hearts of the townspeople, as evidenced by their willingness to donate much of the store's décor and their actions during the floods of May, 2010 when many waited at the edge of the water as it receded so they could lend their time and energies towards cleaning the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing good food and no small amount of neighborliness, the Pleasant Shade Restaurant and General Store also offers a stage on which talented musicians regularly entertain the patrons. On the second Saturday of each month, a live radio show featuring the dulcet melodies of the Pleasant Shade Pickers, of which our fellow legislator Terri Lynn Weaver is a member, is broadcast from the Burnses' establishment; and

WHEREAS, both Steve Burns, who retired after thirty-six years with Thompson Machinery, and Shelia Burns, who retired in 2002 after eighteen years in the medical arena, are the finest of neighbors, and their passion for their new community has endeared them to the good people of Smith County; and

WHEREAS, the Burnses, formerly residents of Murfreesboro, have been married for twenty-five years and are the loving parents of six and the doting grandparents of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Sheila Burns exemplify the spirit, commitment to hard work, and dedication to excellence that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized on the celebration of this momentous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Steve and Sheila Burns on the celebration of the first anniversary of the grand opening of the Pleasant Shade Restaurant and General Store, extending our best wishes for their continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.